

Benefits of Participating:

PPP uses a consumer directed approach that allows participants or their representatives to decide what services are most appropriate for them. Participants having various disabilities can select services that fit their unique situation, which increases decision making power.



How to Apply?

Information and forms for the Personal Preference Program are available by calling the New Jersey Division of Disability Services (DDS) at:

Toll Free, 1-888-285-3036,
Option 2

Direct, 1-609-292-7800

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www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds

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The Personal Preference Program (PPP), began as New Jersey's Cash and Counseling Program in 1999 as part of a national research and demonstration project to test an alternative way for individuals to receive their Medicaid Personal Care Assistance (PCA) services. Using a "Cash & Counseling" approach, along with the concept of "consumer direction," the program allows elderly and disabled adult Medicaid recipients to direct and manage their Medicaid PCA Services.

Using a monthly cash allowance, participants in the program work with a consultant to develop a Cash Management Plan (CMP) by which they will decide the services they need and the individuals and/or agencies they wish to hire to provide the services. If a participant is cognitively impaired or is unable to make decisions on their own, they may have a representative decision-maker act on their behalf.

PPP also includes Fiscal Management (FM) services to assist consumers with the financial aspects of the program. The FM handles all payroll responsibilities for participants and acts as a book-keeping service.

The program requires greater individual responsibility but, in return, offers the participants greater control, flexibility and choice over the services they may receive.



Personal Preference allows the consumer:

- ☐ To choose the services they want;
- ☐ To hire their own workers, including relatives, friends and neighbors;
- ☐ To schedule services to meet their needs;
- ☐ To use some of the allowance to purchase equipment and devices, including to make home modifications; and,
- ☐ To have greater control over their lives.

Possible uses of the cash allowance:

- ☐ Purchasing services from an agency;
- ☐ Hiring an individual to work for you;
- ☐ Paying a friend or relative to provide services;
- ☐ Making a home modification that increases your ability to live more independently such as a ramp or chair-lift; and,
- ☐ Purchasing equipment, appliances, technology or other items which increase independence, such as a microwave oven or washing machine.

Eligibility Criteria:

- ☐ 18 years of age and older
- ☐ NJ Medicaid eligible
- ☐ Individuals who are now receiving Medicaid PCA Services from agencies
- ☐ Individuals must also have the ability to self-direct services or elect a representative that can act on their behalf